

# Money, housing academics pressure grads

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As a result, a much closer relationship develops between the grad student and his adviser than most undergraduate-adviser relationships.

In addition to research work, the grad student is under pressure to complete his thesis and to pass his comprehensive exams. Consequently, the grad student spends more time on academic matters than most undergraduates.

Vernell McCalla (non-degree-meteorology) said she finds that graduate school requires much more work than undergraduate school did. "I spend at least 10 hours each day doing school work," she said.

Graduate dorms are much quieter than undergraduate dorms for this reason, Holt said. Most grad students stay in their rooms and study or spend their time in the library or laboratory doing research.

"But it's worth it," Barge said. "The work doesn't get monotonous or routine—it's different every day."

What do grad students do when not studying? Since they are usually over 21, they spend more time in bars, but also seem to prefer quieter places like the Train Station or the Corner Room, according to Holt.

"Most grad students want to relax, get away from the pressure and meet people, just like anyone else," Holt said. "Where they go and what they do depends on how they like to relax."

"My wife and I have started to go to the Ice Pavilion," Marchand said. "Or sometimes we walk around downtown and window-shop."

Grad students also may relax by doing things they don't normally have time for.

"I've been doing some sewing and knitting and crocheting lately," Barge said.

The GSA sponsors coffeehouses, films and other social events for the graduate student. The International Council sponsors cultural exchange programs in which the foreign student can meet other foreign students and Americans.

Graduate students having problems with school, housing, or adjustment to life in State College in general can turn to GSA for information and advice.

# Ford backs off on Cuba

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A group of Hispanic leaders said yesterday that President Ford had confirmed to them that recent Cuban international activities have slowed down efforts to improve relations between Washington and Havana.

Ford cited Cuban intervention in the Angolan civil war and efforts — mostly in the United Nations — supporting Puerto Rican independence from the United States, they said.

He was responding to a statement adopted by the assembly, which includes representatives of the Cuban, Mexican-American and Puerto Rican communities, calling for "a firm statement that will end speculation on coexistence with the Cuban Communist government within the foreseeable future."

# Ford claims no sexism

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford is "against discrimination of all sorts," including any against women in the White House, a spokesman said yesterday.

Deputy Press Secretary William Greener said there was no official comment to a \$100,000 suit against Ford and four aides by Darlene Schmalzried, who charged she prepared Ford's daily news digest but earned only half of what the previous editor, a man, had earned.

Schmalzried charged James B. Shuman was paid \$26,000 a year as editor of the news summary. When he went on to become associate director of the White House Office of Communications, she charged, she became "de facto" editor at \$11,064 in September, 1974, and was earning \$11,931 when she quit last Sept. 30.

# Doctors' salaries urged

NEW YORK (AP) — A prominent surgeon, George Crile Jr., suggests surgeons be paid salaries instead of charging fees that might tempt them to perform unnecessary operations.

Crile says that "a surgeon, deciding whether a patient should be operated on, is acting as judge. When he knows he will be paid \$500 if he operates and nothing if he doesn't, the surgeon is faced with a conflict of interest."

Crile said a change to a salary basis could come about gradually. Crile received a large fee if his decision was against the defendant and none at all if he decided the other way?" Crile asks in an editorial in Medical News, a magazine for physicians. He is emeritus consultant in surgery of the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

# \$6 billion cut from energy bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House struck from an energy research bill yesterday a section criticized as a "\$6 billion Christmas present" for the oil industry that would have provided federal loan guarantees for synthetic fuels development.

A coalition of liberals and conservatives mustered a 263-140 vote to take the loan guarantees from a bill that would authorize money for the programs of the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA).

The authorization itself is for approximately \$6.2 billion. The loan guarantee section would have committed the government to up to \$6 billion more to back up loans for creating synthetic fuels from such things as coal, shale and organic wastes.

The Senate approved the ERDA authorization bill Tuesday, 80-10, with the loan guarantee section intact. The House removed the guarantees and one other section and sent the bill back to the Senate, which can accept the changes or ask for another conference.

Although the bill covers all of ERDA's programs dealing with ways to develop new energy sources, House debate concentrated on the loan guarantees. They had been added in the Senate version of the bill before it went to a House-Senate conference.

The guarantees would provide federal backing for loans for building and starting up commercial demonstration plants for synthetic fuels. The guarantee would

pick up the interest or principal of loans threatened with default.

"I think it is stretching the Christmas spirit a little for this Congress to give the industry a \$6 billion Christmas present," Rep. Ken Hechler, D-W.Va., told the House.

Hechler, who regards himself as a liberal, was joined in his argument by the more conservative Rep. Robert E. Bauman, R-Md., who said, "Let free enterprise stand on its own." The oil industry should be able to get financing for its synthetic fuel ventures without the federal guarantees, Bauman said.

Backers of the loan section said that without it, companies would not take the risk of sinking large amounts of money into as-yet-unproven technologies for synthetic fuels.

"These risks must be taken," Rep. Charles A. Moshier, R-Ohio, said.

The House report on the ERDA authorization said it totaled \$6.26 billion for fiscal year 1976 and the three-month transition period to a new fiscal year system starting Oct. 1, 1976. The authorization was \$846 million above the Administration request and \$505 million above the House version of the bill.

The House also removed from the bill Thursday a section providing for a government-industry partnership to demonstrate a technique for getting oil from shale at the shale site, without transporting the rock elsewhere.

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